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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9940

UNCLAS ABIDJAN 6800

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CY

SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES ON CYPRUS

1. THIS EMBASSY AND I, PERSONALLY, WISH TO CONVEY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF RODGER DAVIES OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY ON HIS ASSASSINATION. I KNEW HIM WELL AND APPRECIATED HIS STEADY, SOLID LEADERSHIP AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE WITHIN DEPARTMENT.

2. DURING COURSE OF COURTESY CALL AUGUST 20 ON NEWLY APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS CLEMENT KAUL MELEDJE (A "JUNIOR MINISTER"), HE ASKED ME TO CONVEY THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF HIS MINISTER AND HIS MINISTRY TO THE SECRETARY AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON THE TRAGIC EVENT.

3. LOCAL RADIO, TV AND PRESS CARRIED FULL STORIES ON ASSASSINATION. FRATERNITE-MATIN, SOLE LOCAL DAILY, HAD FOUR-COLUMN STORY ON INTERNATIONAL NEWS PAGE, AS WELL AS TWO-COLUMN FOURTEEN-LINE BOX ON FRONT PAGE, WHICH WE ARE AIRPOUCHING TO AF/W.

4. SEVERAL FELLOW AMBASSADORS HERE HAVE SPOKEN TO ME SINCE MONDAY TO CONVEY THEIR REGRETS ON DAVIES' DEATH. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, IN A PERSONAL NOTE, ADDED: "DECIDEDLY OUR PROFESSION IS NO LONGER ONE OF TOTAL RELAXATION. WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS LIKE THE ASSASSINATION OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES, WE ALL FEEL VERY UNITED WITH ONE ANOTHER."

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5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO NICOSIA IF APPROPRIATE.

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